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*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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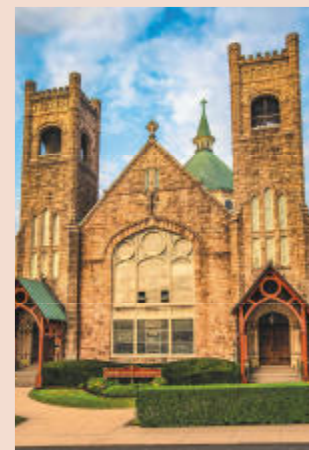
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2 January 2022 | Epiphany of Our Lord

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In Loving Memory...

We gratefully acknowledge the following memorial gifts received in recent months. These gifts honor the lives of beloved family members and friends whose lives should be forever remembered.



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Weekly Offerings of Remembrance

ALTAR BREAD & WINE
donated at SPC this weekend in memory of
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burns at SPC this weekend in memory of
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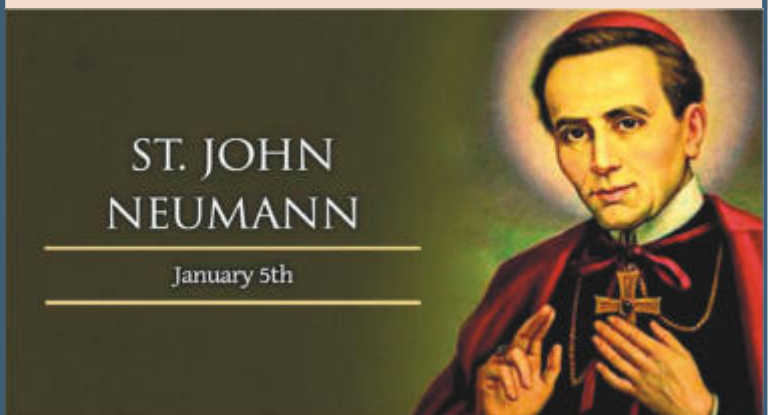
Masses for the Upcoming Week

Week of January 3 - 7

Monday, January 3 **Holy Name of Jesus**
8:00am/SPC **Albert W. Metaservage** (*Roy Addis*)

Tuesday, January 4 **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**
8:00am/SPC **Gerald Jakes** (*Wife, Kathleen*)

Wednesday, January 5 **St. John Neumann**
8:00am/SPC **Christopher Albert** (*Wife & Children*)



Thursday, January 6 **Weekday**
8:00am/SPC **Ann Arnone** (*Pat & Tom Bisignani*)
7:00pm/NAT **Rev. Charles O'Donnell** (*Family*)
Mass in Spanish

Friday, January 7 **Weekday**
8:00am/SPC **Special Intention** (*Victoria Chokshi, Family*)

Weekend of January 8 - 9

Saturday, January 8
4:00pm / SPC **Edward Ludwikowski** (*Durkin Family*)
4:30pm / NAT **Patricia Ann Williams** (*Linda Butler*)

Sunday, January 9
8:00am / SPC **Ernest & Violet Ceccacci** (*Children*)
8:00am / HNJ **Bega Family** (*Rita and Family*)
9:30am / NAT **Matthew Loftus** (*Ron & MaryAnn Moskalczak*)
11:00am / SPC **Special Intention** (*Mother & Children*)
1:00pm / NAT **Living & Deceased SJN Parishioners**
Mass in Spanish

2 January 2022 | Epiphany of Our Lord

2022: A New Year of God's Graces!

May God make your year a happy one!

*Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;*

*Not by making our path easy,
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;*

*Not by taking hardships from us,
But by taking fear from our heart;*

*Not by granting us unbroken sunshine
But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;*

*Not by making our life always pleasant,
But by showing us when people and their causes need us most,
and by making us anxious to be there to help.*

God's love, peace, hope, and joy to us for the year ahead!



The Parish offices of SPC and SJN will be CLOSED on Monday, January 3, 2022

2 January 2022 | Celebrating Mass Together

Opening Hymn | We Three Kings

Verses

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and

1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,
2. crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er
3. De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,
4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,
5. Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"

Refrain

1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der,
2. O - ver us all to reign.
3. Wor - ship him, God on high.
4. Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.

star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright; West - ward
lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest.
And on earth peace to people of goodwill.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, Almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

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St. Paul of the Cross

Epiphany of Our Lord

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

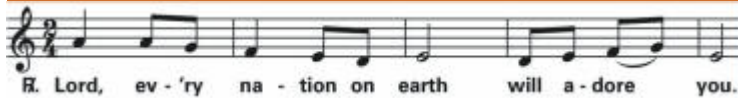
Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72



R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. **(R)**
2. Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. **(R)**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. **(R)**

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and Sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "*Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*" When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, "*In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "*Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.*" After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

2 January 2022

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
 our Lord, who was conceived
 by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 He descended into hell; on the third day
 He rose again from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God
 the Father Almighty,
 from there He will come
 to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the Resurrection of the body
 and life everlasting.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Verses

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
 2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
 3. Righ - teous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,

1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
 2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
 3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his

1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies; With an -
 2. God head see! Hail th'in car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
 3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to

1. gel - ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 3. raise us from the earth. Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Our thanks to the more than 200 students joining us each week at the school at St. John Neumann:

Next Sunday, January 9

11:15 am - 12:30 pm
EP1, EP2, RCIC, RCIT

11:15 am - 12:45 pm
CP1B, Grades 3-6

CARING FOR THE HOMELESS IN OUR MIDST

Our *Brown Bag Ministry* continues to serve the homeless in our area by offering homemade lunches delivered directly to shelters in downtown Scranton. Next Sunday, January 9th, volunteers will gather in the Front Foyer at Nativity School at 9am. To help prepare these meals, we need individually wrapped sweet snacks (cookies, fruit snacks, or graham crackers, etc.), fruit cups, individual cups of applesauce, and small bottles of water. Donations can be dropped off this week at either office, or in church after Mass! Thank you!



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Loose:	\$ 203.00	\$ 822.00
Online:	\$ 135.00	\$ 1,157.18
Total Gifts:	\$ 4,731.00	\$ 6,086.18

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Synod 2021 2023

For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

WHAT IS A SYNOD?

Like many of the words that we use in our Catholic tradition, Synod is an ancient Greek word that means assembling to determine the path forward. A Synod is a Process that gathers Christ's disciples so that their voices can be heard. It is the Church's belief that each and everyone's voice is that of Christ. And when two or three of Christ's Faithful are gathered, he is present and alive in their midst. The history of the Church also shows us that the model of Synodality was a critical tool at times of crisis and challenge. A particular 'synod' was called to address various crises in the life of the Church and history tells us that, in those moments, the presence of the Holy Spirit was alive in their midst, leading the Church forward. The model of a Synod allows the presence of Christ to be given voice at this moment in our history.

WHAT IS THIS SYNOD ABOUT?

On March 7, 2020, Pope Francis announced that a Synod of Bishops would convene at the Vatican in October 2023, the theme of which will be For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission. As a vital first step in the Synod process, the Holy Father has invited each diocese around the world to listen to the voices of its people including those who are marginalized or may have fallen away from the Church. By virtue of our Baptism, all of us are called to be active participants in the life of the Church through discernment, participation and co-responsibility. Through a process of careful listening, our participation in the Synod process will enable us to better understand how the Christian community participates in the life of our Church in the Diocese of Scranton today and how that shared participation among our members might grow in the future. *(From Bishop Bambera's Letter to the Faithful, 10/4/2021)*

WHY IS THE SYNOD TAKING PLACE?

By calling for the 2021-2023 Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is inviting the Church to gather and to listen to each and every Catholic to find the Church's path forward at this time in our history. This is a moment for the voice of God's people to be heard to give voice to the direction of the Church. Pope Francis is providing the opportunity for this ancient and tested model to find relevance in light of today's challenges and opportunities. The Holy Father seeks to hear every voice. Prayerfully consider participating either in your parish's in-person consultation session or through the online survey, or call 570-344-6159.

WHAT IS MY ROLE IN THE SYNOD?

Far from being a temporary or one-time experience in calling the Church to participate in the Synod process, Pope Francis is reminding us that the very mission of the Church requires the entire People of God to be on a journey together, with each member playing his or her crucial role, united with each other. The Holy Father's hope is that the experience of this unique world-wide opportunity will bring about a new springtime for listening, discernment, dialogue and decision-making in our Church, so that the whole People of God can better journey together with one another and the human family, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
(From Bishop Bambera's Letter to the Faithful, 10/4/2021)

Las comunidades parroquiales de

SAN PABLO DE LA CRUZ & SAN JUAN NEUMANN

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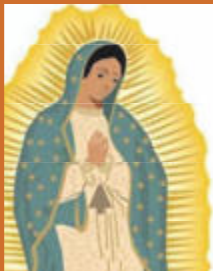


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Todas las clases del Educación Religiosa serán los domingos por la mañana, comenzando a las 11:15 y concluyendo a las 12:30, excepto para los grados 7 (CP1) y 8 (CP2), con cada reunión en semanas alternas de 11:15 a 12:45.

Horario

9 de enero: EP1, EP2, RCIC, CP1A, CP2

16 de enero: EP1, EP2, RCIC, RCIT, CP1B

22 de enero: Primero Reconciliación – 10:00 A.M.

23 de enero: EP1, EP2, RCIC, CP1A, CP2

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